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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE: REQUEST FOR SOLIDARITY WITH KOSOVO AT
OIC SUMMIT

REF: A. (A) CARCANI-OKEDIJI-PRATT-EMAIL 3/7/08
[1](#)B. (B) STATE 022377 (C) FREETOWN 106 (D) FREETOWN 85

Classified By: Ambassador June Carter Perry, reasons 1.4 b/d.

[1](#)1. (C) Per request ref B, DCM delivered demarche concerning Kosovo's status at the OIC summit to Sierra Leone MFA Director General, Ambassador Umaru Wurie on March 11. Unfortunately, it was not possible to deliver the demarche before that date, as requested. DCM underscored the need to support language in the OIC communiqu welcoming Kosovo's independence, and urged Sierra Leone to recognize Kosovo's status as soon as possible. As noted ref C, President Koroma planned to lead a delegation to the OIC summit, As reported ref D the Foreign Minister had indicated that Sierra Leone would not take a decision until consultation with the Africa group is finished.

[1](#)2. (U) Per request Ref A, DCM also gave Ambassador Wurie a copy of the letter to Foreign Minister Zainab Bangura from the President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo concerning Kosovo's declaration of independence and welcoming cooperation with Sierra Leone and the international community.

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